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1. The Weissensee office of the SAGs issued a secret order in late January to the directors of all SAG factories. According to this order, all bills must be paid on the day of receipt, if necessary even without checking the addition or the goods received. A Russian officer or civilian official must check each day at closing time to make sure that no bills have been left unpaid. According to source, all bills were formerly carefully checked and payment was normally made only after some days or weeks.
2. A large shipment of new 10, 20, 50, and 100 mark notes arrived in Potsdam from Leipzig in late January under strong police guard. This money was stored in the vaults of the Landeskreditbank Brandenburg, Friedrich Ebert Strasse 79-81. The Brandenburg ministry of finance received secret instructions from the SMA that this money is to be used as a stopgap measure in the event of a sudden currency revaluation in the western zones. These new notes would then be put in circulation through the Landeskreditbank and its branches. They would be exchanged for the old currency at a 1:1 rate.

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